



# EuroMarine Young Scientist Fellowship Programme for Training

## First Call for Participants

EuroMarine considers supporting capacity building for young scientists a key priority. Therefore, EuroMarine has launched a new Young Scientist Fellowship Programme focused on financially supporting individual early career scientists from EuroMarine Member Organisations to participate in training courses.

### Key Information

- **Fellowship Grant Description:** A grant of up to €500 to contribute to covering direct costs related to participating in a training event. Eligible costs are participation fees and travel & subsistence expenses. If total participation costs exceed the grant amount, successful applicants must cover the additional costs from other sources. A minimum of 10 grants are available for the current call.
- **First Call Launch:** 10 April 2017
- **Deadline for Submissions:** 2 May 2017
- **Results Announced:** 12 May 2017 at the latest
- **Training Courses Eligibility Criteria:**
  - All training courses with topics relevant to the EuroMarine domain, both in Europe and globally. These can be courses organised by EuroMarine members or external courses.
  - Any type, on-site as well as e-learning/online courses.
  - There is no limit to the duration of the training course, but the course must run and be completed between 1 June – 30 November 2017.
- **Applicant Eligibility Criteria:**
  - Young scientists: PhD students or individuals undertaking their first post-doctorate contract are eligible for this funding.
  - The young scientist must be a student or employee of a **EuroMarine full Member Organisation** (having committed to pay its 2017 contribution to the EuroMarine budget) or an **Invited Member from one of the following countries:** Morocco, Peru, South Africa, Tunisia, or Turkey.<sup>1</sup>
  - Only one application per individual per call. There is no limit on how many young scientists per organisation can apply but a maximum of three individuals from any one organisation can be awarded grants in any one call round. Only one grant per young scientist per 12-month period is possible.
- **Application Process:** Applications must be submitted by email to [fellowships@euromarinetwork.eu](mailto:fellowships@euromarinetwork.eu). All applications will receive a confirmation email acknowledging submission.
- **Procedure:** If awarded a fellowship grant, individuals will be reimbursed after their participation in the course and the submission of evidence of eligible expenses. All reimbursements must be made to individuals personal accounts. Every effort will

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.euromarinetwork.eu/documents/euromarine-2017-membership-list](http://www.euromarinetwork.eu/documents/euromarine-2017-membership-list) to check out the latest 2017 list of organisations and their status

be made to reimburse participants within 15 working days of submitting all requested evidence. In exceptional situations a special request can be made to receive funds in advance, if well justified.

## Background and Objectives to EuroMarine

EuroMarine is a European marine research network that funds scientific, foresight and training activities, and fosters new services relevant to the marine research community in cooperation with other organisations and projects. With limited funding, EuroMarine has supported over 52 scientific, foresight and training activities involving over 1,000 scientists and stakeholders to share, collaborate and collectively push boundaries within marine science in the past three years.

As an organisation that promotes bottom-up science from the marine science community, EuroMarine feels that supporting capacity building is a priority to help advance marine science in Europe.

## Fellowship Programme Application Requirements

- 1) Applicants must write an **application letter** (no more than 1.5 A4 pages) justifying why they should receive funding to attend their targeted training course. The letter should cover the following aspects:
  - a. How the training course relates to and supports you in your marine research career;
  - b. How participating in the course is in line with EuroMarine objectives;
  - c. How you will recognise and promote the fact that EuroMarine helped fund your participation in the event; and
  - d. How you will share knowledge with colleagues in your own institution about your training experience.
  
- 2) Applicants must complete and sign a **declaration form**.<sup>2</sup> Please note:
  - a. Applicants are required to contact their EuroMarine Member Organisation representative to approve their application prior to submission and have their supervisor/manager or EuroMarine Member Organisation representative countersign the declaration. The official EuroMarine Member Organisation representatives and their contact details can also be found on: [www.euromarinenetwork.eu/documents/euromarine-2017-general-assembly-representatives](http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/documents/euromarine-2017-general-assembly-representatives).
  - b. A scanned copy of the signed declaration form should be attached to the application email.

**Funding is conditional on acceptance to and participation in the course.** Funds will be reimbursed once the requested evidence has been submitted. Should funds be advanced and if for whatever reason you do not participate in the course, you are required to pay back the grant. To ensure applications can be processed and validated, the following is required:

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<sup>2</sup> The Declaration Form and Call Information can be downloaded from [www.euromarinenetwork.eu/call2017\\_fellowships](http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/call2017_fellowships)

- If already registered for a course, proof of acceptance (a copy of a confirmation email from the organiser is acceptable);
- If awaiting news of successfully securing a place on the course, a copy of your application or a receipt of your application; or
- If the course is not yet open for applications, please state that fact.

## **Fellowship Programme Applicant Assessment and Selection**

Applications will be assessed by the newly formed [EuroMarine Young Scientist Working Group](#) (EYSWG). At least three reviewers will assess each application.

Each submitted application will undergo a pre-assessment to ensure eligibility (validating that the application is from a young scientist (PhD or 1<sup>st</sup> post-doc) of a full EuroMarine member or invited member from one of the previously listed countries; checking if the applicant has submitted only one application in the current call round; validating whether the selected training course runs between 1 June – 30 November 2017; ensuring fully signed declaration form is included).

Evaluators will be assigned ensuring no conflict of interests. Applications will then be assessed using the following criteria:

- 1) How the applicant has justified how the target training course will further their career.
- 2) How the applicant has justified their participation in terms of how it is relevant and contributes to the objectives of the EuroMarine network.
- 3) How the applicant will promote the fact that EuroMarine has supported their participation in the course.
- 4) How the applicant will share the acquired knowledge with colleagues in their own institution.

Each criterion will be scored out of five, with half marks possible. The maximum possible mark is 20.

Applications will be ranked in order of score and funding will be allocated from the top score down until all funds are exhausted for any given call round. A maximum of three applicants from any one organisation can be funded per call round. Once that limit is reached, the remaining applications are eliminated regardless of ranking position.

The number of training courses funded each year depends on the results of the application review process and the availability of funding. Results will be announced by 12 May 2017.

## **Potential Training Courses**

Information on some relevant training courses and summer schools can be found on the EuroMarine website using the appropriate filters under the Activities menu ([www.euromarinenetwork.eu/activities](http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/activities)). Please note that other training courses are eligible for EuroMarine grant funding too, if the topic is relevant. Further courses can also be found on [www.marinettraining.eu](http://www.marinettraining.eu).

Information on the EuroMarine Member Organisations and their representatives, and further details on the call can also be found under the call webpage: [www.euromarinenetwork.eu/call2017\\_fellowships](http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/call2017_fellowships).<sup>3</sup>

### **Engagement Conditions**

1. After the completion of a EuroMarine Young Scientist Fellowship training course, each successful applicant must:
  - a) submit a short feedback report using a template provided which will cover the eligibility and selection criteria listed above;
  - b) provide evidence of participation (e.g. a participation certificate or confirmation email from organiser); and
  - c) provide a summary of costs incurred to participate and evidence of costs to receive reimbursement (participation fees, travel and subsistence costs such as receipts, train tickets, boarding pass etc.).
2. All EuroMarine selected training fellows are expected to contribute to the building of the success of the Fellowship Programme by communicating the outcomes of the training with the EYSWG.
3. Only the applicant may benefit from the funding. In case an already funded participant does not get accepted by course organisers, the full grant must be returned.

**Further Information:** For further information please see the corresponding EuroMarine webpage. If you have any queries in relation to the fellowship programme, please contact the [fellowships@euromarinenetwork.eu](mailto:fellowships@euromarinenetwork.eu).

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<sup>3</sup> See the PDF documents providing the latest list of 2017 member organisations and their status, and the latest list of General Assembly representatives from member organisations